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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 6229th meeting of the Security Council, held on 3 December 2009, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Somalia", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Mogadishu on 3 December at a graduation ceremony for Somali medical students at Benadir University, which resulted in the death of innocent civilians and the Somali Ministers of Health, Higher Education and Education. This was a criminal attack on people dedicated to building a peaceful, stable and prosperous future for the people of Somalia.

"The Security Council expresses its deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of those killed and to those injured in the attack, as well as to the Transitional Federal Government and the people of Somalia.

"The Security Council urges that a thorough investigation be conducted and that the perpetrators of this attack be brought swiftly to justice.

"The Security Council underlines its determination to continue to support the people of Somalia in their quest for peace and reconciliation, and the Transitional Federal Government as the legitimate authority in Somalia, and reiterates its full support for the Djibouti Peace Process, which provides a framework for reaching a lasting political solution in Somalia.

"The Security Council reaffirms its demand that all opposition groups immediately end attacks, put down their arms, renounce violence and join reconciliation efforts. The Council further calls on all parties to abide by their obligations under international humanitarian law, in particular to respect the security of civilians, humanitarian workers and AMISOM personnel.

"The Security Council welcomes the work of AMISOM in supporting the casualties of the attack and their relatives. It reiterates its strong support for AMISOM and expresses its continued appreciation for the commitment of troops by the governments of Uganda and Burundi.

"The Security Council reaffirms that Somalia's long-term security rests with the effective development by the TFG of the National Security Force and the Somali Police Force, in the framework of the Djibouti Agreement and in line with a national security strategy. The Council urges the international community to support the Somali security institutions, in coordination with AMISOM, including through training and equipment."

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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 6233rd meeting of the Security Council, held on 8 December 2009, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Peace and security in Africa", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council reaffirms its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

"The Security Council notes with concern the serious threats posed in some cases by drug trafficking and related transnational organized crime to international security in different regions of the world, including in Africa. The increasing link, in some cases, between drug trafficking and the financing of terrorism, is also a source of growing concern.

"The Security Council stresses the importance of strengthening transregional and international cooperation on the basis of a common and shared responsibility to counter the world drug problem and related criminal activities, and in support of relevant national, subregional and regional organizations and mechanisms, including with the view to strengthening the rule of law.

"The Security Council recognizes the importance of the actions undertaken by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and other relevant United Nations organs and agencies in facing numerous security risks caused by drug trafficking in many countries and regions, including in Africa. The Council encourages them to undertake further actions in this regard.

"The Security Council stresses the need to reinforce the coordination of United Nations actions, including cooperation with Interpol, in order to enhance the effectiveness of international efforts in the fight against drug trafficking at the national, regional and international levels to tackle this global challenge in a more comprehensive manner in accordance with the principle of common and shared responsibility.

"The Security Council reaffirms and commends in that regard the important work of the UNODC in collaboration with the United Nations

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relevant entities and emphasizes the need for adequate capacities to support national efforts.

"The Security Council invites the Secretary-General to consider mainstreaming the issue of drug trafficking as a factor in conflict prevention strategies, conflict analysis, integrated missions' assessment and planning and peacebuilding support.

"The Security Council encourages States to comply with their obligations to combat drug trafficking and other forms of transnational organized crime, to consider acceding to relevant international conventions, in particular the three United Nations drug conventions and to investigate and prosecute, as appropriate, persons and entities responsible for drug trafficking and related crimes consistent with international human rights and due process standards.

"The Security Council recognizes the important contribution of States, regional and subregional organizations in tackling drug trafficking in all its aspects, and encourages them to share best practices, as well as information about illicit drug trafficking networks.

"The Security Council also recognizes the important contribution of civil society and other stakeholders in tackling drug trafficking in a comprehensive manner.

"The Security Council calls on the international community and the United Nations system to strengthen their cooperation with regional and subregional organizations, in the fight against drug trafficking including in Africa.

"The Security Council calls on the Secretary-General to provide, as appropriate, more information on drug trafficking and related issues where it risks threatening or exacerbating an existing threat to international peace and security."

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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 6234th meeting of the Security Council, held on 8 December 2009, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Côte d'Ivoire", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council notes with concern the postponement of the first round of the presidential election, scheduled for 29 November 2009 in the 18 May 2009 communiqué of the Permanent Consultative Framework of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement, which was endorsed by all the main Ivorian political actors.

"The Security Council welcomes the positive steps taken by the Ivorian actors, in particular the publication of the provisional voters list and of the list of candidates. It further welcomes the 3 December 2009 communiqué of the Permanent Consultative Framework. It commends the Facilitator, President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso, for his continued efforts to support the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire.

"The Security Council takes note that the Permanent Consultative Framework considered, on the basis of a presentation by the Independent Electoral Commission, that the postponement of the elections was due to technical and financial constraints and that the first round of the Presidential elections would be organized by the end of February or the beginning of March 2010. It urges the Ivorian actors to address the remaining tasks and to hold open, free, fair and transparent presidential elections in accordance with international standards at the earliest possible date.

"The Security Council notes again that the publication of a final voters list certified by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General is crucial for the holding of open, free, fair and transparent presidential elections. It urges the Ivorian stakeholders to meet their commitments to support the elections and to facilitate this process without delay, in particular during the 38 day phase during which the provisional list can be challenged before Independent local Electoral Commissions and courts. It urges again the Ivorian authorities to allow equitable access to public media, consistent with the Code of Good Conduct for Elections. It reiterates its intention to react as appropriate, consistent with its resolution 1880 (2009), towards those who would block the progress of the electoral process.

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"The Security Council welcomes the signature by President Laurent Gbagbo on 17 November 2009 of several military rules and regulations, including seven decrees. It urges the Ivorian parties to make further concrete progress, before and after the elections, to advance the reunification and disarmament processes.

"The Security Council recalls that it will review the mandate and the troop level of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) by 31 January 2010. It reiterates its determination to bring its full support to a credible electoral process in Côte d'Ivoire. It requests the Secretary-General to provide to it, in the report referred to in its resolution 1880 (2009), options for the future direction of UNOCI, in particular in light of the publication of the final voters list and of a credible electoral timeframe, including preliminary indications on timing, benchmarks and modalities for a possible drawdown of the operation."

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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 6241st meeting of the Security Council, held on 16 December 2009, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"In connection with the resolution just adopted on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, I have been authorized to make the following complementary statement on behalf of the Security Council:

'As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/2009/597) states in paragraph 11 "... the situation in the Middle East is tense and is likely to remain so, unless and until a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the Middle East problem can be reached". That statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council.'"

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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 6250th meeting of the Security Council, held on 21 December 2009, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Central African Republic", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council welcomes ongoing efforts aimed at national reconciliation in the Central African Republic based on the Libreville Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 2008 and the commitments contained in the Sirte Agreement of February 2007 and the Birao Agreement of April 2007. The Security Council encourages the Government of the Central African Republic to continue to ensure that the recommendations of the inclusive political dialogue are expeditiously and fully implemented.

"It reiterates its call on the Government of the Central African Republic to strengthen and accelerate efforts to reform security sector institutions, which is a crucial element for the peacebuilding process in the Central African Republic and for addressing widespread impunity and increasing respect for human rights. It also reiterates its call on the Government to carry out without delay a transparent and accountable disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) process, and ensure the completion of disarmament and demobilization before the 2010 elections. In these efforts, transparent funding and coordination of reintegration programs is critical to the program's long-term success. The Security Council encourages the international community, including BINUCA, to provide timely and adequate support to the process.

"The Security Council strongly condemns the ongoing attacks by the LRA in the Central African Republic and calls for the countries of the region and the United Nations missions to coordinate and enhance information-sharing regarding the threat posed by the LRA to the population.

"The Security Council demands that the Government of the Central African Republic and all political stakeholders ensure free, fair, transparent and credible preparation and conduct of the 2010 elections, and that the elections take place within the timeframe set by the Constitution. The Security Council calls on the Government, the United Nations and other stakeholders to support timely election preparation with adequate resources.

"The Security Council welcomes the establishment of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA) on

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1 January 2010 for the period of one year. The Security Council urges the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps so that BINUCA will be fully operational as soon as possible after 1 January 2010, in accordance with its mandate as set out in the Statement of its President of 7 April 2009 (S/PRST/2009/5). The Security Council confirms its full support to the efforts of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mrs. Sahle-Work Zewde, in this regard. The support of the BINUCA, together with the United Nations Country Team, to national and local efforts to consolidate peace, enhance governance and complete DDR process is crucial and needed.

"The Security Council also requests the Secretary-General to propose in his next report a set of clear and measurable benchmarks to guide the progress of the mission and enable BINUCA to evaluate its progress against its mandate.

"The Security Council welcomes the support provided by the Peacebuilding Commission to the Central African Republic, and reiterates its call on the donor community to enhance their support to sectors identified as critical for sustainable peace and development in the Central African Republic, as set out in the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding developed by the Peacebuilding Commission."